

Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

March 23, 2012



29th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

For more information, [click here](#) or call the city of Glendale special events hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Folk & Heritage Festival – March 24 & 25. Performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass to Cowboy Poetry and Storytelling will entertain thousands of people at the two-day Folk & Heritage Festival.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on seven stages and participate in free workshops on topics such as Folk Fingerstyle Guitar, Old Time Fiddling, Beginning Autoharp and Slide Guitar Styles led by accomplished entertainers. This year's festival will also include a dance stage on the park's main lawn with dancing styles that range from belly dancing to Irish dancing.

This unique festival includes family entertainment, historic Sahuaro Ranch site tours, blacksmith demonstrations and children's music and activity area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission and most activities are free.

For a complete schedule of the entertainment and workshops [click here](#).

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of activities during the event. To volunteer or for more information, call 623-930-4200.



Last Day to Schedule Household Hazardous Materials Pick-up. Glendale's Sanitation Department offers the free service twice a year and it not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but it also helps keep regular garbage collections safer. Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Today, March 23 is the last day to call to schedule an appointment. Collections are scheduled through April 6. For more information or to sign up, contact the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Intergovernmental Programs - Neighborhood Legislative Link. The City of Glendale Legislative Link program provides residents the critical information they need to stay informed about what is happening at the legislature and how the bills could affect their neighborhoods and community. Participants receive weekly email updates directly from the Intergovernmental Relations Department providing bill tracking sheets, constant updates on where bills are in the process, what the next steps are and information on how to stay informed on the issues. This program is a valuable resource for residents who want to stay engaged in the legislative process. For more information or to sign up, residents can call 623-930-2813.

Green Festival – March 31. Join us for Glendale's Annual Green Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 for free energy saving devices, classes, industry experts from over 30 agencies and businesses, and a free Family Zone. The event will be held at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. [Click here](#) for more information.

Around Town

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

STAR Party. Join the Saguaro Astronomy Club from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28 for an evening of star gazing. Large and small telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, planets and stars. STAR Party will be held at Thunderbird Conservation Park at the 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane Entrance. Club members will be available to answer your questions. For more information, call 623-930-2652.

A Day at Manistee Ranch. The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador Foundation, with the volunteer assistance of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, will host "A Day at Manistee Ranch," an old-fashioned day of family fun on April 28, as a fundraiser for the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. This event has something to appeal to guests of all ages! Country singers, an antique car show, vintage tractors, children's games, and a petting zoo will add to the fun on the grounds of Manistee Ranch. In addition, self-guided tours of the Ranch House and raffle drawings will be held. There will also be appearances by staff from the Wildlife Zoo and Fallen Feathers Bird Rescue.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manistee Ranch located at 5127 W. Northern Ave. Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Parking is free, with entrance off of 51st Avenue.

New Tree Trail Dedication April 28. Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity outside the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents, to RSVP call 623-930-3760.

The Glendale Summer Band. Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 46th season beginning June 7 in downtown Glendale.

Produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 7 through July 26, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

The Glendale Summer Band, conducted by John Faris, is the longest-running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. The band was formed in 1966, originally playing at O'Neil Park, and moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on June 28 in celebration of Independence Day. The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Contact Councilmember Joyce Clark

Council Office: (623) 930-2249

Home Office: (623) 772-9795

E-mail: jclark@glendaleaz.com